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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

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Examiner: NGUYEN, D

For: LIQUID CRYSTAL PANEL, LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY DEVICE AND COMPOSITE OPTICAL ELEMENT

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Before examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please AMEND claim 2 in accordance with the following:

2. (TWICE AMENDED) A liquid crystal display comprising:
a surface light source device; and
a liquid crystal display panel disposed apart from the surface light source device;
said surface light source device being provided with a guide plate having an incidence end face, an emission face and a primary light source supplying primary light which enters into the guide plate through the incidence end face and is emitted from the guide plate through the emission face to provide illumination output light for backlighting of the liquid crystal display panel,

wherein said liquid crystal display panel is provided with a light control face for modifying directivity of the illumination output light,

said light control face being directed to the surface light source device, and
the light control face forming a surface of the liquid crystal display panel itself.

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